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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices in the major terminal markets were unchanged in the West, but higher in the Mid-West and East when compared to a week earlier. Retail and food service demand was moderate to good, best for ads and fast food promotions. However, in the Northeast and in some parts of the Midwest, the cold and snowy weather has slowed buying activity. Supplies of all sizes were in good balance to short of full trade needs. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Wings were more available, but clearing; other items were usually short to tight and moving well. In production areas, live supplies were moderate at a tad light but mostly desirable weights.

<u>Preliminary report</u> Prices negotated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers fob and delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 12-FEB-2007 (cents per lb)

US GRADE A

(Including branded product)

AREAS	MAJORITY	RANGE	WTD AVG	LOADS
Delivered to Fir	st Receivers			
Chicago	70.00-73.00	70.00-80.00	73.03	29
New York	72.00-75.00			
Los Angeles	80.00			
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Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi 72.00-74.00 67.00-80.00 72.92 88

GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 73.25 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

		PRELIMINARY FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
LOADS	RANGE	PRELIM. WTD. AVG.
922	63.00-75.25	73.63

Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed preliminary weighted average price on ice-packed parts:

	WTD. AVG.	VOLUME
ITEM	(CENTS PER POUND)	(000 POUNDS)
LINE RUN TENDER	S 178.50	1,141
BREASTS - B/S	149.00	5,120
BREASTS - WHOLE	95.50	1,153
THIGH MEAT - B/S	99.00	984
LEG QUARTERS	38.00	7,876
WINGS	134.50	2,473

This information is supplied by the Georgia Department of Agriculture's Poultry Market News Service.

MIDWEST Preliminary majority prices on next week's deliveries into the Chicago area moved 5 cents higher from Monday's majority. Fill-in trade on mixed wogs was noted into Ohio market area at 74 cents. The market tone on whole broiler/fryers was fully steady to firm. Offerings were very light. Retail and food service demand was light to moderate, occasionally good into fast food. Floor stocks were in balance; weights desirable. Parts offerings were limited. Trading was hand to mouth and selective. Supplies of all parts were in balance, tightest for tenderloins and dark meat cuts. The market tone was fully steady to firm on leg items, steady to fully steady on breast cuts and steady on wings.

SOUTHERN Trade sentiment was steady in the West, but mostly firm in other regions. Demand into all channels for late week business was moderate to good. Supplies of all sizes were clearing easily, but 3 to 3.5 pounds were in the best position. In the parts structure, movement was fair to good. Breast items were about adequate to tight and moving well, wings were sufficient and continued to clear. Dark meat was adequate to well cleared, aided by further processing and export interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to a tad light.

WESTERN Preliminary majorities were unchanged from last Friday. Trading reported for next weeks deliveries at unchanged to somewhat higher prices. Offerings were generally adequate for current trade needs. Buying activity was fair. Demand was moderate to instances good, best for parts. Dealers anticipated satisfactory weekend carryovers.

NORTHEAST Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/ fryers increased and was noted as mostly good entering the weekend. Offerings of all sizes were in close balance to tight. Retail and distributive movement was at least moderate, best where feature activity was planned or in progress. Fast food interest was noted as fair to moderate. The market tone was firm. In the parts complex, breast items, tenders and most dark meat cuts were tight. Wings were at least adequate for current needs.

<u>DELMARVA</u> Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds ranged moderate to mostly good entering the weekend. Offerings were in good balance to short for immediate trade needs. Live supplies were moderate; weights were mostly desirable. Processor schedules were noted as moderate. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 73 to 83 cents. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm. In the parts complex, wings were sufficient and continued to clear. Other items were reported as no more than adequate to short.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

	BRANDED (J.S. GRADE A
RANGE		69-86
WEIGHTED AVERA	AGE	(A)
NO. OF BOXES		(A)
CUMULATIVE	02/05/07-02/09/07	(A)
	02/06/06-02/10/06	(A)
NO. OF BOXES	02/05/07-02/09/07	(A)
	02/06/06-02/10/06	(A)
(A) Not reported to	avoid disclosing individual	operations.

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FEB 08		<u>so</u>	UTHERN STA	TES BROI	LER/FR	YER PARTS				FEB 09
1	POUNDS			WTD	POUND	S			WEEKL	Y.
<u>ITEM</u>	(000) RAI	<u>VGE</u>	MAJORITY	AVG	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	(000) W	TD AVG
BREAST - B/S	580 135.00-	208.00	-	146.43	605	137.00-215.00	-	149.82	2,955	145.59
TENDERLOINS	238 152.00-	212.00	155-159	158.70	223	155.00-225.00	-	171.23	1,240	164.84
BREAST - LINE RUN	100 91.00	0-99.00	-	92.25	118	93.00-101.00	94-97	95.23	504	93.31
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEV	N REPO	RT		Т	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		256	85.71
LEGS	203 47.00	0-57.00	51-52	51.48	Т	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		801	51.29
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	631 33.00	0-39.00	36-37	36.59	653	35.00-39.00	37-38	37.19	3,090	36.53
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	922 35.00	0-42.00	38-39	38.31	792	36.00-41.00	39-40	39.20	4,121	38.24
WINGS (WHOLE)	295 119.00-	134.00	120-125	124.42	295	120.00-135.00	125-128	127.46	1,781	124.66
WINGS (CUT)	330 136.00-	149.00	140-145	142.67	290	136.00-149.00	142-147	143.83	1,545	143.48
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FE\	<i>N</i> TO RE	PORT		Т	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		303	50.05
THIGHS	TOO FE\	N TO RE	PORT		Т	OO FEW TO REF	PORT		223	64.75
B/S THIGHS	TOO FE\	N TO RE	PORT		140	95.00-105.00	-	99.79	465	98.37
WHOLE BODY INDEX BA	**************************************	HERNS	TATES PART	****** S	********* WHOL	E BODY INDEX E	**************************************	OUTHERN S	TATES PART	τ****** ΓS
TRADING FOR FEB 08, 2007 F.O.B. DOCK.					TRADI	NG FOR FEB 09	2007 F.O.E	B. DOCK.		
RANGE TODAY'S AVERAGE					I	RANGE	TODAY'S A	VERAGE	5-DAY A	/ERAGE
59.50 - 64.50 The Index is intended solely	6 as an indicator o	2.15 f values f	or commodity-t	ype produc	61 t and doe	.00 - 65.50 es not represent inc	dustry's willingr	62.78 ness to sell or	ability to buy.	61.21

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS - Trucklot buying interest was mostly good entering the weekend. Offerings of breast items, tenders and most dark meat cuts were well cleared to short. Wings were noted as at least adequate for current needs. Movement through retail and distributive channels was moderate to good. The market tone was about steady to steady for wings; fully steady to mostly firm for the balance of items.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOLTRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND.

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FEB 08	CURRENT NEG	WTD		CURRENT NEG	WTD		WE	FEB 09 EKLY	
ITEM	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	TRADING*	AVG**	VOL/LBS	WTD AVG	VOL/LBS	
BREAST - B/S	150	138.84	654,489	150-155	141.42	634,455	138.26	3,281,593	
TENDERLOINS	160-165	152.99	117,120	160-165	157.02	134,480	146.80	930,960	
BREAST - WITH RIBS	92-93	96.35	73,200	93-94	99.21	59,520	96.64	385,360	
BREAST - LINE RUN	92	92.42	113,600	93	96.37	88,200	93.34	459,080	
LEGS	52-53	55.16	65,080	52-53	53.93	102,400	52.51	549,680	
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	39-40	37.48	266,640	39-40	37.66	330,840	36.89	1,784,720	
DRUMSTICKS	43-44	48.47	89,560	44-45	46.87	95,960	44.23	551,241	
THIGHS	47-48	53.09	54,800	48-49	51.60	72,240	50.90	316,640	
B/S THIGHS	102-103	100.05	44,160	103-104	103.42	54,320	98.34	435,840	
WINGS (WHOLE)	129-130	135.19	170,400	129-130	133.02	114,200	128.02	994,760	
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIP	PPED) 10-12	10.58	19,920	10-12	10.70	16,400	10.77	94,760	
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	37.50	11,360	35-40	39.85	8,600	38.28	52,720	
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	45-50	42.52	20,480 I	45-50	45.15	24,440	44.25	122,720	
INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. A	REA, NORTHERN N.	I, MA, CT, F	RI, & PA (NORTHEAS	ST OF HARRISBURG).* NEG. SA	LES AS OF 11:30 A.M.			

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO, AREA, NORTHERN'NJ, MA, CT, RT, & PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).* NEG. SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M

**WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

<u>ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)</u>										
	<u>ESTIN</u>	<u> MATED</u>	<u>ACTUAL</u>		AVG WT		ACTUAL	<u>WTS</u>		
	02/09	02/08	02/07	02/06	02/07	02/06	02/02	01/31		
Alabama	4,457	3,812	3,354	3,679	5.46	5.63	3,990	5.38		
Arkansas	4,669	5,196	4,880	5,136	5.12	5.25	4,610	5.02		
Delmarva	2,167	2,206	2,149	2,169	5.62	5.72	2,139	5.63		
KY-LA-TN	2,322	2,311	2,304	2,351	5.12	5.10	2,251	5.19		
Mississippi	2,953	2,948	2,328	2,657	5.89	5.82	3,204	5.84		
North Carolin	na 2,524	2,677	2,731	2,652	6.87	6.83	2,706	6.92		
Texas	2,155	2,502	2,270	2,453	5.24	5.32	2,439	5.28		
Total	21,247	21,652	20,016	21,097	5.57	5.63	21,339	5.56		
Mon-Fri	107,343((A)					103,131(A)			
Saturday 740(included in total for date shown) 998										
(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal										
inspection for	r 09-Feb	-07 and	10-Feb-07	is estim	ated to	he 31 7	788 000 head	down		

(A) Weekly cumulative for states listed above. Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 09-Feb-07 and 10-Feb-07 is estimated to be 31,788,000 head down 0.73 percent from a week ago and down -8.72 percent from a year ago. (Last week 32,021,000, last year 34,824,000)

Weekly broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for the weekending 10-Feb-07 is estimated to be 157,582,000 head up 1.27 percent from a week ago, and down 4.19 percent from a year ago. (Last week 155,610,000, last year 164,473,000)

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RETAILERS							
		<u>RANGE</u>					
FRESH FRYERS		91-100					
ROASTERS 4# & UP		99-108					
HENS UNDER 5#		-					
HENS OVER 5#		65-74					
DUCKS		-					
RABBITS-WHOLE		-					
RABBITS-CUT UP		-					
SAN FRANCISCO PROCES	SED POULTRY						
DLVRD TO RESTAURANTS	AND INSTITUTI	<u>IONS</u>					
		<u>RANGE</u>					
FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-105					
	DRY PACK	110-114					
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	98					
	DRY PACK	111-118					
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	86-100					
	DRY PACK	100-107					
DUCKS		190-195					

YOUNG CHICKENS SLAUGHTERED Under federal inspection,

Week ending 03-Feb-07

vveek ending 03-Feb-07								
(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)					
4.25 lbs	4.26-	6.26-	7.76 lbs					
& down	6.26 lbs	7.75 lbs	& up	Total				
_		Thou	ısands					
39,542	83,768	21,587	10,713	155,610				
3.64	5.38	6.99	8.49	5.37				
25%	54%	14%	7%	100%				
าร								
44,449	87,100	17,622	10,714	159,885				
3.78	5.39	7.16	8.22	5.33				
28%	54%	11%	7%	100%				
46,945	75,694	23,398	17,268	163,305				
3.82	5.37	6.87	8.25	5.45				
29%	46%	14%	11%	100%				
199,226	405,402	101,499	54,486	760,613				
228,786	374,038	113,988	81,278	798,090				
	(A) 4.25 lbs & down 39,542 3.64 25% 18 44,449 3.78 28% 46,945 3.82 29% 199,226	(A) (B) 4.25 lbs 4.26- & down 39,542 83,768 3.64 5.38 25% 54% 44,449 87,100 3.78 5.39 28% 54% 46,945 75,694 3.82 5.37 29% 46% 199,226 405,402	(A) (B) (C) 4.25 lbs 4.26- 6.26- 8 down 6.26 lbs 7.75 lbs Thou 39,542 83,768 21,587 3.64 5.38 6.99 25% 54% 14% 44,449 87,100 17,622 3.78 5.39 7.16 28% 54% 11% 46,945 75,694 23,398 3.82 5.37 6.87 29% 46% 14% 199,226 405,402 101,499	(A) (B) (C) (D) 4.25 lbs 4.26- 6.26- 7.76 lbs & down 6.26 lbs 7.75 lbs & up Thousands 39,542 83,768 21,587 10,713 3.64 5.38 6.99 8.49 25% 54% 14% 7% 18 44,449 87,100 17,622 10,714 3.78 5.39 7.16 8.22 28% 54% 11% 7% 46,945 75,694 23,398 17,268 3.82 5.37 6.87 8.25 29% 46% 14% 11% 199,226 405,402 101,499 54,486				

^{/1} May not total to 100% due to rounding.

- (A) This size product is normally marketed bone-in into fast food and food service sectors and may include Cornish hens.
- (B) This size product is normally marketed into the retail grocery sector in tray pack or bagged forms.
- (C) This size product is normally marketed either into the retail grocery sector in tray pack and IQF form or is further processed and marketed into various sectors. (D) This size product is normally marketed deboned or as roasters or roasting chicken.

LIVE POULTRY SLTRD UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION

Week ending 03-	YOUNG	LIGHT	HEAVY	TOTAL	
C	HICKENS	HENS	HENS	HENS	DUCKS
(Preliminary)		THOU	ISANDS		
Head	155,610	1,202	1,309	2,511	536
Avg Wt	5.37	3.27	8.05	5.76	6.35
Last week	159,885	1,067	1,509	2,576	499
Same wk yr ago	163,305	1,422	1,461	2,883	544
Avg Wt	5.45	3.45	7.94	5.73	6.35
To-date/2007	760,613	5,367	6,713	12,080	2,607
To-date/2006	798,090	7,090	6,950	14,040	2,418
(A) TI					

(A) The estimated number of fryers available for marketing based on the 2-week revised average chick placements 6 to 7 weeks earlier was was 162.8 million head. Estimated U.S. slaughter for this period was 157.5 million head, or 5.3 million less than estimated available.

ESTIMATED U.S. FRYER SLAUGHTER/FRYER AVAILABILITY COMPARISON

		MILLION HEAD	MILLION HEAD		AVG
WEEK ENDIN	NG	SLAUGHTERED	AVAILABLE	PCT	WT
December	30	135.5	149.2	91%	5.43
January	6	135.9	150.0	91%	5.48
	13	162.4	155.4	105%	5.42
	20	152.2	159.8	95%	5.43
	27	161.8	161.9	100%	5.33
February	3	157.5	162.8	97%	5.37
Year to date		769.8	789.9	97%	
February	10		160.9		
	17		160.7		

BROILER/CATTLE/HOG WEEKLY ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER

Under Federal Inspection

THOUSANDS									
W/E	02/10/07	02/03/07	%CHG	02/04/06	%CHG				
Broilers	157,582	155,610*	+1.27	164,473*	-4.19				
Cattle	623	645	-03	585*	+06				
Hogs	1,952	2,045	-05	2,020*	-03				

EASTERN REGION MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY

FOR CURRENT DELIVERY FOR THE WEEK OF 05-FEB-2007 **DUCKLINGS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US** GRADE A, 4-5 POUNDS, DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ORIGIN LONG ISLAND MOSTLY	FROZEN 155-159	FRESH 161-165
MIDWEST MOSTLY	136-146	138-148

ROASTERS: PRICES NEGOTIATED BY FIRST RECEIVERS, US GRADE AAND PLANT GRADE, 5 POUNDS AND UP, DELIVERED, CENTS PER POUND

	RANGE	MOSTLY
ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	60.00-73.00	71.00-73.00
VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	72.00-86.00	74.00-79.00

SQUABS: NEW YORK AREA WHOLESALE PRICES, FROZEN, PLANT GRADE, DOLLARS PER DOZEN, 1 TO 10 BOXES

62.64 - 85.05 12 OZ. 14 OZ. 69.12 - 96.39 16 OZ. 74.88 -106.73

THE EASTERN REGION INCLUDES:

CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA RI, SC, VA, VT & WV

CENTRAL REGION DUCKLINGS Prices unchanged. Trade sentiment steady. Demand was good. Supplies were balanced to at times close. Schedules were full-time. Prices paid to first receivers for 10-18oz boneless breast at \$4.50-5.25, bone in legs at \$1.45-2.40, gizzards at \$1.20-1.40, wings at \$.60-.70, livers at \$.95-1.70. and feet at \$.55-.90.

DELIVERED IN TRUCKLOT AND POOL TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES. 4-5 POUNDS. WEEK OF 05-FEB-2007

ORIGIN	FROZEN	FRESH
MIDWEST AND OTHERS	122-146	130-148

GRAYSTONE SMALL ANIMAL AUCTION - February 06, 2007 *AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL OUT OF STATE POULTRY**

AI PAPERS REQUIRED TO SELL ALL	. 001 OF 31	AIE POULI
Prices paid per pound, except as noted.	RAN	<u>IGE</u>
Muscovy Ducks - Drakes	.85 -	1.00ea.
Chukars	2.20 -	2.40ea.
Red Fowl 4-5 LBS	.50 -	.55
Red Fowl 5-6 LBS	.60 -	.70
Crossbred Fowl 5-9 LBS	.90 -	1.30
Crossbred Roosters 4-6 LBS	.70 -	.90
Crossbred Roosters 7-11 LBS	.50 -	.60
Guinea Fowl	5.40 -	6.50
Banty Roosters	3.00 -	3.25ea.
Banty Hens	1.50 -	2.00ea.
Leghorn Hens	.75 -	1.00
Silkies	2.00 -	2.25ea.
Geese 9-14 LBS	-	1.00
Pigeons	3.25 -	3.35ea.
White Pigeons	3.00 -	3.50ea.
Rabbits 4-6 LBS	2.50 -	2.75
Rabbits 6-9 LBS	1.50 -	1.60
Bunnies	1.00 -	4.00ea.
Guinea Pigs	3.00 -	5.50ea.
Doves	-	5.00ea.
Muscovy Ducks - Hens	1.10 -	1.20ea.
Total Coops Sold 240		

^{/2} Comparable week.

Weight Class Description:

NATIONAL CANNER FOWL MARKET Trading for heavy canners were too few to report; slightly higher on lights when compared to the previous week. Offerings of both light and heavy canners were about adequate to adequate for current needs with most available supplies of heavy canners being used internally. Demand was mostly moderate. Processing schedules were normal. The undertone was at least steady to instances fully steady.

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Without Freight Cost

HEAVY CANNER HENS LIGHT CANNER HENS (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS)

TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT 21-31 MAJORITY 24.5-25.5

Cents per Pound, Current Negotiations, Freight Cost Included LIGHT CANNER HENS **HEAVY CANNER HENS** (LINE RUN WITHOUT NECKS) (WITHOUT NECKS) 23-33.5 MAJORITY 27-29 TOO FEW SALES TO REPORT

LIGHT TYPE HENS

CENTS PER HEAD, GENERALLY FOR REMOVAL WITHIN THE NEXT 10 DAYS (INCLUDES HANDLING, FREIGHT AND ANY OTHER CHARGES, WEIGHTS AVERAGE ABOUT 3.50 POUNDS)

EASTERN REGION LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices were unchanged when compared to a week earlier. Demand was at least moderate to instances good for the generally adequate offerings of light type hens. Processing schedules were normal. Trade sentiment was steady.

RANGE **MAJORITY REMOVAL COST** 5-12 8-10

SOUTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Trading was TFEWR. Demand was light for fully adequate offerings of spent hens. Schedules were reduced. Finished sales were slow. Costs of salvage were expected to remain constant.

> **RANGE MAJORITY**

TOO FEW TO REPORT REMOVAL COST

NORTH CENTRAL LIGHT LIVE HENS Prices ranged unchanged to slightly higher. Demand was light to moderate while offerings were just adequate. Processing schedules were normal for next week. Trade sentiment steady.

RANGE MAJORITY

REMOVAL COST 5-9

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP)*

PRELIMINARY PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 12-FEB-07

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Negotiations were TFEWR. Demand was moderate for adequate offerings of spent heavy hens. Schedules were less than capacity. Finished sales were fair. Trade sentiment was about steady.

MAJORITY

AT FARM BUYER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Sales were too few to report prices. Offerings were noted as fair to mostly moderate for the generally adequate to at least adequate offerings of spent hens. Processing schedules for next week were noted as normal. Sales of finished product moderate. The undertone was at least steady.

MAJORITY RANGE TOO FEW TO REPORT AT FARM BUYER LOADING AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT **FOB PLANT** TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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